

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice or disclaimer. A detailed listing of all claims is as follows.

Claims 1-12 (Canceled)

Claim 13 (Original): A liquid crystal display device, comprising:

a liquid crystal display panel;

a backlight assembly disposed at a rear surface of the liquid crystal display panel, including a rectangular planar cover disposed at the rear surface of the liquid crystal display panel, a bottom coupled with a circumferential portion of a rear surface of the cover to form a sealed inner space, an anode disposed on central portions of the rear surface of the cover internal to the sealed inner space, a cathode disposed on a surface of the bottom internal to the sealed inner space, power supply means electrically connected to the anode and the cathode to supply an external power source, and a plasma-discharging gas injected into the sealed inner space between the cover and the bottom.

Claim 14 (Original): The liquid crystal display according to Claim 13, wherein the rear surface of the cover includes a fluorescent material layer.

Claim 15 (Original): The liquid crystal display device according to Claim 14, wherein a display surface of the liquid crystal display panel is supplied with surface light having uniform

brightness from a reaction between the plasma-discharging gas and the fluorescent material layer.

Claim 16 (Original): The liquid crystal display according to Claim 13, further comprising:

at least one diffusion sheet disposed between the liquid crystal display panel and the backlight assembly; and

at least one prism sheet disposed between the liquid crystal display panel and the backlight assembly.